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SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 15 EA PRESS SUMMARY

### 1. JAPAN

IN SERIES FAREWELL ADDRESSES/COMMENTS BEFORE LEAVING TOKYO,  
AMB HODGSON SAID US/JAPAN COULD PROVIDE LEADERSHIP NEEDED  
SOLVE WORLD'S ECON PROBLEMS, FEELS PACIFIC BASIN "MOST  
PROMISING AREA FOR FUTURE BUSINESS ACTIVITY." AMB GRAT-  
IFIED THAT US "AT LAST, HAS AWAKENED" TO IMPORTANCE TRADE/  
INVESTMENT AS NEGLECTED GROWTH AREA, BUT SAID GOVT POL  
TO SUPPORT OVERSEAS BUSINESS ACTIVITY WOEFULLY LACKING  
(JAMESON, LAT 2/14 W/FOTO).

LEADING JAPANESE TRADING COS MAKE EMERGENCY PURCHASES US  
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CORN/GRAIN SORGHUM TO AVERT IMPACT US COLD WAVE ON JAPAN'S  
FEEDGRAIN SUPPLY (REUTER TOKYO).

US DOLLAR DROPPED SHARPLY AGAINST YEN ON TOKYO FOREX MART  
2/14 UNDER STRONG SELLING US CURRENCY. DOLLAR CLOSED AT  
LOWEST RATE SINCE 6/74, DESPITE BANK OF JAPAN'S SUPPORTIVE  
PURCHASE 140 MIL DOLS (NYT, WSJ).

HONDA CONCERNED OVER US DEALERS CHARGING WHAT MARKET  
WILL BEAR, RATHER THAN ADVERTISED STICKER PRICE, FOR

HIGH-DEMAND HONDA AUTOS. CO MGR SAYS FIRM DEPLORES PRACTICE, BUT HAS NO AUTHORITY STOP IT (DOLE, CSM).

2. JAPAN/KOREA

CSM RUNS 2-PG CONDENSED VERSION 95-PG TRILATERAL COMMISSION DRAFT FOPOL REPORT, SCHEDULED FOR MARCH PUBLICATION. CALLS FOR TRILATERAL COUNTRIES BE MORE "OUTWARD LOOKING" IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE, "EFFECTIVE, CONFIDENCE-BUILDING COOPERATION" IN ECON/FOPOL FIELDS. ALSO MENTIONS NEED REDUCE FORCES/DE-ESCALATE CONFRONTATION IN CONFLICT AREAS, SUCH AS KOREA.

3. KOREA

JUSTICE DEPT RECORDS RELEASED 2/14 SHOW ATTY GEN BELL MET CARTER 2/9 TO TALK ABOUT INVESTIGATION ALLEGED BRIBERY CONGRESS BY SKOREAN OFFICIALS. JUSTICE/WH HAVE NO COMMENT ON TALKS. MTG CAME DAY OR SO AFTER JUSTICE DEPT BRIEFED BELL FOR 1ST TIME ON INQUIRY. MORNING AFTER TALK, BELL PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED HE WANTED PROBE CONCLUDED QUICKLY.

KOREA ELECTRIC NEGOTIATING TO PLACE EMERGENCY ORDER W/GENRL ELECTRIC FOR 70-MIL-DOL POWER PLANT TO MEET DETERIORATING POWER SUPPLY (AP, WSJ).

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4. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

PP ASSERTS 3 THAI VILLAGES, IN WHICH ITS TROOPS REPORTEDLY KILLED 30 LAST MO, ARE PART OF CAMBODIAN TERRITORY; PP REJECTS THAI PROTEST OVER INCIDENT, DEMANDS RTG WITHDRAW ITS PEOPLE FROM AREA; ACCUSES THAILAND OF ORGANIZING "KHMER TRAITORS" TO CARRY OUT PROVOCATIONS (REUTER, NYT).

FROM HANOI, AFP'S THORAVALE (WP) REPORTS PRESS VISIT TO RE-EDUCATION CAMP NEAR TAYNINH 2/5. SAYS EX-JR OFFICERS WELL-TREATED, GET ADEQUATE DIET, STUDY "EVILS OF IMPERIALISM." STATES INTERNEES SAID WERE NOT GIVEN SPECIAL MENU BECAUSE REPORTERS VISITING CAMP.

5. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

EX GENL NGO DZU, FORMER GVN 2ND MIL DISTRICT CMDR ONCE LINKED BY CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATORS WITH DRUG TRAFFICKING, DIES IN CALIF (AP, SUN).

6. INDONESIA

HUGHES AIRCRAFT CORP ASSURES GOI IT PAID INDO OFFICIALS NO MONEY IN CONNECTION W/CONTRACTS FOR SATELLITE COMMO

SYSTEM. JAKARTA SAYS INTENDS CONTINUE PROBE INTO BRIBERY ALLEGATIONS (WP).

FON OILMEN "WAIT AND SEE" RE GOVT EAGERNESS SPUR LAGGING PETROLEUM EXPLORATION. PRES SUHARTO/OTHER HI OFFICIALS ROLLED OUT RED CARPET FOR OVER 50 SENIOR OIL MEN INVITED TO JAKARTA LAST MO FROM N AM/JAPAN/EUR. MOST OIL MEN REACTED W/CAUTION TO "SWEET LANGUAGE" CONCERNING POL STABILITY/MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELS/MAKING "PIE BIGGER." YR AGO 10 OFFSHORE RIGS WORKING, NOW ONLY 4 (AP, LAT 2/13).

7. AUSTRALIA  
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BRUSH FIRES IN VICTORIA KILL 5, DESTROY MILLION HEAD LIVE-STOCK (UPI, NYDN).

8. PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

GOVT REFUSES PERMISSION USSR/PRC/France/SK OPEN EMBASSIES AT PORT MORESBY, BECAUSE LACKS RESOURCES ACCOMMODATE OVER 7 ESTABLISHED BEFORE INDEPENDENCE; W/MORE EMBASSIES, MFA SIZE WOULD NEED DOUBLE (AP SYDNEY 2/14).

9. PACIFIC ISLANDS

NYT CARRIES UPI PIC QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLANTING TREE IN W SAMOA; MENTIONS QUEEN LATER TRAVELED TO TONGA.

10. GENERAL

LAWRENCE (JOC) REPORTS CARTER ADMIN ABOUT TO JUGGLE US DUTY-FREE IMPORT LIST FOR DEVELOPING NATIONS, PROBABLY REMOVING OVER 100 ITEMS COMING FROM SUCH SUPPLIERS AS TAIWAN/HK/SK/PHILS/MEXICO/BRAZIL/INDIA. ADMIN MAY ALSO ADD ABOUT AS MANY GOODS TO LIST. BELIEVES AMONG ITEMS FATED FOR REMOVAL FROM LIST ARE SPRING-MECHANISM TOYS FROM HK, PINE PLYWOOD FROM SK, CB RADIOS FROM TAIWAN; DUTIES WOULD RISE FROM ZERO UP TO 22 PCT.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. JAPAN

MULLANEY (NYT) FINDS ECON TENSIONS BETW JAPAN/WEST FORTUNATELY SEEM IN DECLINE, REDUCING THREAT TO MUTUAL TRADE/FINANCIAL RELS/HOPE FOR ECON RECOVERY IN NON-COMMUNIST WORLD. CITES COMPROMISE W/EC, MONDALE'S TOKYO VISIT, FINANCE VICE-MIN MATSUKAWA'S WASHINGTON TRIP LAST  
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WEEK AS PROMISING SIGNS.

12. KOREA

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ANDERSON/WHITTEN DISCUSS POSSIBILITY FORD/REAGAN COMEBACK  
IN 1980, REMARK BOTH BELIEVE HEADLINE NAMES IN KOREAN  
BRIBERY SCANDALS WILL BE DEMS. COLUMNISTS ALSO CITE UN-  
NAMED SOURCES WHICH CLAIM INVESTIGATION WILL SHOW SPEAKER  
O'NEILL WAS "PAMPERED AND PARTIED" BY TONGSUN PARK,--"THE  
LEADING SOUTH KOREAN SANTA CLAUS."

KRAFT (SUN, WP) CRITICIZES CARTER ADMIN'S HASTY DISPOSI-  
TION MAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN OTHER COUN-  
TRIES, FEELS SUCH STATEMENTS OVERLY-ANXIOUS ATTEMPT DIS-  
TINGUISH CARTER FOPOL FROM HAK'S "SUPPOSED LACK OF CONCERN  
FOR HUMANE CONSIDERATIONS." STATES POLICY HAS NOT BEEN  
THOUGHT OUT CAREFULLY/IS UNCLEAR ABOUT HOW ISSUE CAN BE  
APPLIED TO FRIENDLY COUNTRIES, SUCH AS SK.

GEORGIA STATE UNIV POL SCI PROF NACK YOUNG AN WRITES NYT  
IN RESPONSE TO PROF KWAN HA YIM'S 2/4 LETTER ALLEGING  
US TROOP WITHDRAWAL WILL GIVE PARK EXCUSE FOR INCREASED  
MILITARIZATION/INTENSIFIED REPRESSION SKOREAN SOCIETY.  
SAYS "INVIDIOUS CHARGES" MADE ON ERRONEOUS READING PARK'S  
1/12 NEWS CONF--PARK DOES NOT WELCOME WITHDRAWAL, WOULD  
NOT OPPOSE IT "ONLY IF" NK SIGNED NONAGRESSION PACT.

13. INDOCHINA

CSM CARRIES HESSE CARTOON SHOWING ENORMOUS GRAVE W/HEAD-  
STONE INSCRIBED, "MASSACRED CAMBODIANS." CAPTION: "PEACE."

14. PHILIPPINES

NYT'S WICKER SAYS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER FOR PRES CON-  
TINUE EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RTS IN FACE USSR REBUKE.  
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SAYS US MUST HOLD HIGH STD HUMAN FREEDOM. ADDS PRES MUST  
AVOID ABSOLVING US' ALLIES OF KINDS HUMAN RTS ABUSES  
DEPLOYED ELSEWHERE; SHOULD NOT APPEAR INDIFFERENT CON-  
CERNING NATIONS OVER WHICH WE HAVE SOME DEGREE LEVERAGE,  
SUCH AS PHILS/CHILE.

15. CHINA

BUTTERFIELD (NYT, HK) REPORTS THAT FOLLOWING SPECIAL  
PEKING MEETING ON "PROBLEMS OF YUNNAN," AN PING-SHENG  
APPOINTED PARTY FIRST SECRETARY IN ADMINISTRATIVE RE-  
SHUFFLE UNDERTAKEN TO STRENGTHEN PEKING'S AUTHORITY IN  
FACTION-RACKED PROVINCE. PROBLEMS ATTRIBUTED TO "GANG OF

FOUR." FATE OF AN'S PREDECESSOR-- CR PURGEE AND TENG REHABILITEE, CHIA CHI-YUN--UNKNOWN, BUT BELIEVED UNRELATED TO CHIA'S CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH TENG. NOTES ALSO SHANGHAI'S SIX TOP LEADERS REPLACED AND HUA HAS SET "NATIONWIDE RECTIFICATION" AS '77 CENTRAL TASK.

WP'S MATTHEW (HK 2/14) WRITES THAT PEKING'S ORDER OF LEADERSHIP RESHUFFLE IN STRATEGIC/LONG POLITICALLY TROUBLED YUNNAN VIEWED AS IMPORTANT BECAUSE MILITARY HAS TAKEN ON STRONGER ROLE IN NEW LEADERSHIP. NOTES KUNMING MILITARY COMMANDER (WANG PING-CHENG) INFORMED YUNNAN RESIDENTS OF PEKING DECISION, AN PING-SHENG HAS REPLACED CHIA CHIYUN AS FIRST PARTY SECRETARY; CHEN PEI-HSIEN (FORMER SHANGHAI PARTY CHIEF UNTIL PURGED BY RADICALS DURING CR) WAS NAMED YUNNAN PARTY SECRETARY AND RC VICE CHAIRMAN; BROADCAST INDICATES YUNNAN ARMY HIERACHY MAY HAVE BEEN EFFECTED BY "GANG OF FOUR" ACTIVITIES.

LAT'S LESLIE (HK 2/14) NOTES TWO PRC JOURNALS URGE END TO "STEREOTYPED WRITING," WITH PD CALLING FOR "BAREFOOT ARTICLES." HOWEVER, LESLIE PREDICTS NO MAJOR CHANGE IN JOURNALISTIC STYLE. CAMPAIGN HAS ELEMENT OF RITUAL, IDENTICAL SELF CRITICISM APPEARED IN 1972 WHEN TURGID PROSE UNCLASSIFIED

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BLAMED ON OFFICIAL ARCHVILLIAN OF CR, LIU SHAO-CHI.

FOLLOWING 10-WK PRC VISIT, AUTHOR HAN SU-YIN PREDICTS "GANG OF FOUR" WILL SPEND REMAINDER OF LIVES IN DETENTION, AND TENG WILL SOON BE REHABILITATED (REUTER ,/14).

IN SPECIAL TO JOC, MARK TIER (HK) FORSEES NO DRAMATIC RISE IN US-PRC TRADE IN '77, ALTHOUGH 50 PCT INCREASE EXPECTED PRC TRADE. CITES NCUSCT'S KAMM AS SAYING THAT PROSPECTS FOR TRADE DEPEND UPON NORMALIZATION RELATIONS (WITH PRC SEEKING GAIN MFN), BUT THAT SOME DEVELOPMENT "CAN TAKE PLACE BEFORE NORMALIZATION." CITES KAMM PREDICTION OF INCREASE IN PRC TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES IN '78, PRC EFFORTS TO DIVERSIFY EXPORTS TO US, AND MENTIONS HK ROLE AS IMPORTANT US-PRC TRADE AVENUE.

16. HONG KONG

LAT'S LESLIE (2/13) NOTES THAT DESPITE DISADVANTAGES, HK HAS CURRENCY WHICH RANKS AS WORLD'S 3RD STRONGEST. IN CONTRAST WITH OTHER PLACES, COLONY ENJOYED ECONOMIC PROSPERITY IN '76. STRENGTH OF HK CURRENCY AND DROP IN VALUE US DOLLARS DUE IN PART TO COLONY'S ECON PERFORMANCE/ INCREASING EXPORTS, LOW INFLATION RATE, USE OF COLONY AS REPOSITORY FOR "HOT MONEY" FROM SEA, AND PRC'S DECLINING PURCHASE US DOLLARS.  
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